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Attached is the Examiner's response to the reply brief filed on January 16, 2007.

The reply brief filed January 16, 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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